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Coroner Hale, Hearty

Dr. E. A. Braithwaite at 83 Busy "Working as Usual"

Hale and hearty, his movements and quick repartee belying his age, Dr. Edward A. Braithwaite, chief provincial coroner for Alberta, former officer of the North West Mounted Police and veteran of the Riel Rebellion, celebrated his 83rd birthday Friday by "working as usual". His duties that afternoon included presiding at an inquest.

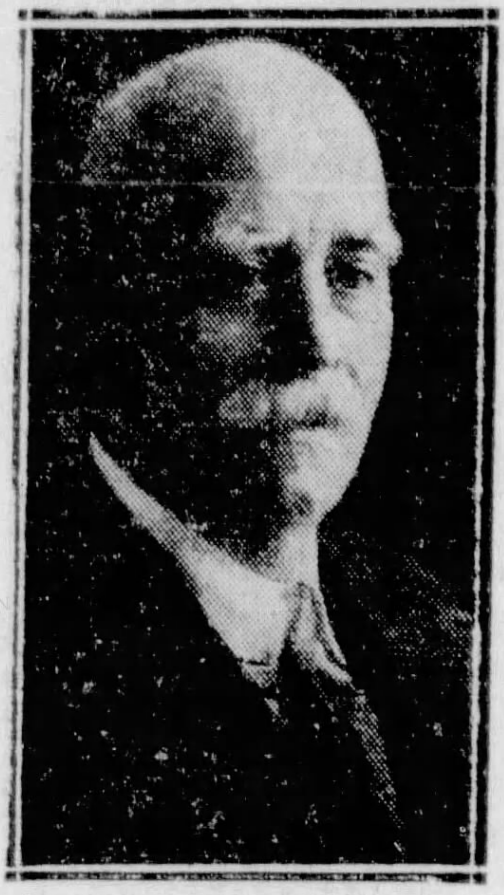
Dr. Braithwaite has had a colorful and distinguished career. For 4 years and eight months he was connected with the great Canadian policing organization which in 1931 became known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

He joined the RNWMP in 1884 and was appointed hospital sergeant, carrying on alone as a medical officer during the Riel Rebellion of '85. Later, he was stationed at Regina, and in 1911 was appointed full-surgeon of RNWMP. Between 1882 and 1911, although he had left the organization to enter private practice, he was appointed contract doctor.

When he retired in 1931, Dr. Braithwaite had the honor of being 19 months more on the police payroll than any other member living or dead.

Dr. Braithwaite made a trip to Toronto in May of 1944, where he was awarded a life membership in the Canadian Medical Association.

Upon returning to Edmonton, he was asked to "say something about it." Modestly, almost bashfully, he replied: "It was wonderful".



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